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we just spending some money. I may vote to advance your bill. Are we just spending taxpayers money to print bills that really have no effect because if this law, as a matter of fact, is completely ineffectual, you know really. What's the difference. I realize that sometime it should be taken from the book, but should it be taken off now and the attendant expense when another bill is coming along.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Proud, I think it should be taken off now. The Attorney General, who also favored the death penalty, felt that the passage of this specific bill will clear up some problems that exist in the kidnapping statutes now, so it would have an additional affect other than just abolishing the death penalty.

SENATOR PROUD: In your judgment, this wouldn't put the legis...personally I am not overly concerned about that, if I'm concerned at all. This wouldn't put the Legislature in the light by repealing this bill of being...all of us being against the death penalty.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is a bill, LB 268, which will give the state the opportunity to kill again.

SENATOR PROUD: I think that answers my question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Rasmussen, do you wish to heard on the issue?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I introduced LB 268 to reinstate the death penalty for certain crimes and my opinion would be that the matter that is not needed will be str cken when 268 moves up on General File.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: As along as I interjected the other bill, I think I have a responsibility to explain it in a short time. This bill, the Attorney General of the state of Nebraska was there, and as I recall the testimony this bill is not for certain like any bill is. He doesn't care if these will do what the introducer wants to do or other Senators in a like position, but he says this is the best bill that he can bring about in the participation of its writing that he can think of. Now, I think it is well to believe, Senator Chambers is in a hurry on this bill. That's fine, but also the other bill of Senator Rasmussen's. If we don't pass that, then we are going to be in a position of really being against any death penalty. That, I don't care to be in that position. I think you will have to understand if you do what Senator Chambers' suggests and I have no opposition to it, but I do with the understanding this body is going to reinsert into law the best bill by the best brains in this state can write it because I don't want to be in the position to eliminate the death penalty in every case.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Keyes, then Senator Whitney.

SENATOR KEYES: The Supreme Court has said that it..that you cannot have the death penalty and the Supreme Court has also justified the death penalty. Now, I want to ask Senator Chambers if the implementation of this bill will in any way do away with what Senator DeCamp is trying to do in his bill and he isn't here today to defend himself, but the Supreme Court has said that up until the three months of pregnancy you have the right to take a life. Now, how do you correlate